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Dear Admiral Turner,

May I offer my congratulations upon your confirmation as Director, Central Intelligence Agency. Many of us in the Navy are proud of your selection to that high office but also look forward to you assuming the leadership of the Navy.

As you may recall, Admiral, I was privileged to serve on the staff at the Naval War College (GWG) during your tenure as President. Fortune has smiled upon me again as I am now a student at the National War College here in Washington. As part of my year's work I am writing a research paper concerning the advance of the Communist Party (PCI) in Italy and its implications for NATO. There are many writings concerning the role of the PCI in Italian politics but there are few current insights available concerning Italian/NATO/U. S. Navy relationships and what, if anything, the reality of a changing relationship would portend. I thought that perhaps in your role as CINCSOUTH you may have had time to analyze the Italian situation from the unique vantage point of both scholar and military commander.

Admiral, if you would care to share your thoughts with me and can find the time, I would appreciate being able to spend 30 minutes with you, hopefully in the next several weeks, discussing your views on the Italian situation.

Best wishes in your new assignment.

Sincerely yours,

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